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## CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE WHAT'S NEW?

- 1. <u>NEW CON APPLICATIONS</u> for 1) <u>Acute Beds & Services & Equipment</u>, 2) <u>ORS-GI Endo & Ambulatory Surgery</u>; 3) <u>Rehabilitation Beds</u> Effective for September 1, 2008 Reviews. ALL prior applications for these services have been replaced. To receive a copy of the new applications, contact the CON Section (919)855-3873.
- 2. The <u>2009 State Medical Facilities Plan</u> includes <u>revisions</u> to <u>Policy Gen-3</u> which applies to certificate of need applications for new healthcare facilities, services, and equipment for which the 2009 SMFP contains a need determination. Applicants must demonstrate conformity with this policy. <u>Please read carefully and answer fully.</u>

  See <a href="http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/2009/2009plan.pdf">http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/2009/2009plan.pdf</a>
- 3. The following Certificate of Need rules in 10A NCAC 14C are proposed for amendment effective February 1, 2009:
  .1902; .1903; .1904; and .1905 Radiation Therapy Equipment .2101 and .2103 Surgical Services and Operating Rooms
  .2701 Magnetic Resonance Scanner .2002 Home Health Services .1402 Neonatal Services
  See http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html#tempcert
- 4. Effective October 1, 2007, the General Assembly increased the fees for certificate of need applications. Applications submitted for reviews beginning after October 1, 2007 will pay a **minimum fee of \$5,000** for a capital expenditure of \$0 to \$1,000,000. The fee for capital expenditures over \$1,000,000 increases at the rate of \$.003 per additional \$1 of capital expenditure up to a **maximum fee of \$50,000**.
- 5. The CON Section announces two new project analysts: Gebrette Miles and Paula Quirin. Both are assigned to the West Team: Ms. Miles in HSA II and Ms. Quirin in HSA I. Also, Ron Loftin and Mary Helen Brincefield have retired, and Andrea Murphy has transferred to the Division of Public Health.
- 6. There is a new Abridged Certificate of Need Application for Replacement or Renovation of Adult Care Homes with No Change in Bed Capacity which became effective October 1, 2007. It should be used for renovations or replacements of existing adult care homes in the same county that do <u>not</u> involve a change in bed capacity. Every effort will be made to complete the review of these applications in less than 90 days. Please contact Craig Smith at (919)-855-3875 or <u>Craig.Smith@ncmail.net</u> if you have any questions regarding the use of this abbreviated application form.
- 7. There is a new Abridged Certificate of Need Application for Replacement or Renovation of Nursing Facilities with No Change in Bed Capacity which became effective April 12, 2007. It should be used for renovations or replacements of existing nursing facilities in the same county that do not involve a change in bed capacity. Every effort will be made to complete the review of these applications in less than 90 days. Please contact Craig Smith at (919)-855-3875 or Craig.Smith@ncmail.net if you have any questions regarding the use of this abbreviated application form.
- 8. Adult Care Home and Nursing Facility reimbursement rates for 2009 CON applications are posted on the CON Section web site when they are available. The CON Section web address is: <a href="http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/index.html">http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/index.html</a>
- 9. The Certificate of Need Section maintains a mailing list of persons who want to receive notice of proposed CON rule changes. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for notice of proposed rules, please call or e-mail Lee Hoffman at 919-855-3873 or Lee.Hoffman@ncmail.net.
- 10. The Division of Facility Services is now called Division of Health Service Regulation.